

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE TARIFF FILING OF SOUTH CENTRAL )  
BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY TO ESTABLISH ) CASE NO. 10218  
MEGALINK CHANNEL SERVICE )

O R D E R

On March 10, 1988, South Central Bell Telephone Company ("South Central Bell") made a tariff filing with the Commission to (1) establish MegaLink Channel Service, (2) establish a usage cap for Volume Usage Measured Rate Service, (3) establish the use of LightGate Service and MegaLink Channel Service as alternative serving arrangements for ESSX Service, and (4) make miscellaneous related text changes for clarification of rate application. On April 11, 1988, the tariff filing was suspended for investigation and possible public hearing. On May 24, 1988, South Central Bell was granted interim authority to offer MegaLink Channel Service, subject to certain conditions.

The Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by and through his Utility Rate Intervention Division ("Attorney General"), and MCI Telecommunications Corporation ("MCI") filed motions for and were granted full intervention in this proceeding.

On July 29, 1988, the public hearing scheduled in this case was cancelled, based on representations by counsel for MCI that the responses of South Central Bell to information requests propounded by MCI made it unnecessary for MCI to participate in a

public hearing. At the same time, counsel for the Commission's Staff and South Central Bell indicated that this case might proceed to a final resolution without a public hearing. The Attorney General agreed with this assessment.

The Commission, having considered the evidence of record and being advised, is of the opinion and finds that:

1. A public hearing in this case is not necessary, as the Attorney General did not propound any information requests and South Central Bell's responses to the information requests propounded by the Commission and MCI are satisfactory to the resolution of all issues that have been raised.

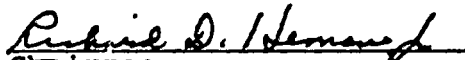
2. South Central Bell's tariff filing should be approved on a permanent basis, as all issues have been resolved and the cost of service information furnished with the tariff filing shows the rates to be reasonable.

3. South Central Bell should file revised tariff pages to effect this decision within 30 days from the date of this Order.

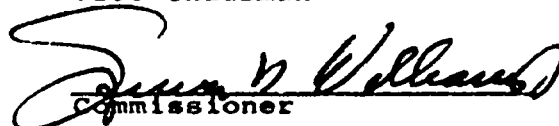
Accordingly, each of the above findings is HEREBY ORDERED.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 26th day of August, 1988.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
Chairman

  
Vice Chairman

  
Commissioner

Attest:

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Executive Director